Displacement of People by Development Process

@3010. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether most of the present phase of developmental process in the country involved displacement of people in the rural areas particularly the Adivasi villages;

(b) if so, what is the number of Adivasi families which have been displaced so far in the developmental process stating the number of villages that have to be got vacated and the names of the states;

(c) what are developmental programmes taken up in these areas; and

(d) the number of the displaced families resettled stating the manner in which these have been resettled;

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) No, Sir. However, as a consequence of developmental process, displacement of people in rural areas particularly Adivasi villages has taken place where irrigation/ power/industrial projects, etc., were implemented.

(b) to (d) Information is being obtained from different States/UTs and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Enforcing a Tribal Master Plan for Panch Mahal and Dang District of Gujarat

@@3011. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to enforce a tribal master plan for Panch Mahal and Dang District of Gujarat Tribal District; and

(b) whether Government propose to set up new industrial zone in these districts in view of their social and educational backwardness?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) No, Sir. However a perspective plan is proposed to be formulated by the Government of Gujarat.

(b) Yes, Sir. Gujarat Industrial Development Corporation (GIDC) has set up estates in the Tribal area of Dahod in Panchmahal District.

GIDC, has also decided to set up Industrial Estates at Limkheda, Devegadh-Baria Taluka and Santhrampur Taluka.

Increase in the Old-Age Pension

3012. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government have directed the various State Governments to pay pension of Rs. 100/- per month to those who are over 60 years of age and are destitutes;

(b) if so, the names of the States where this directive is being implemented and the reasons for non-implementation in other States, if any;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Central Government have received any representation for increasing the amount of pension; and

(d) if so, the action Government propose to take in the matter and by when?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) to (d) Several State Governments were advised in September, 1989 to consider the feasibility of raising the pension amount to Rs. 200/- p.m. covering atleast 20 percent of the aged (60+ population). The State Governments were also advised to make adequate provisions in their Eighth Five Year Plan proposals. Due to lack of resources, several State Governments have not been able to raise the aged pension to Rs. 200/- p.m.

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